Statement-II

Export Trends of Fruits & Vegetables

S. No.	Crops	1991-92		1992-93		1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
		Qty.	Values	Qty.	Values	Qty.	Values	Qty.	Values	Qty.	Values
1.	Fruits	80.49	118.66	85.11	201.06	84.83	205.99	94.72	184.54	109.70	229.96
2.	Vegetables	412.71	175.31	427.88	146.00	390.50	179.44	452.83	248.74	434.40	301.19
3.	Processed Fruits & Vegetables	79.95	157.78	85.47	205.92	120.52	268.50	144.32	398.22	193.51	491.59

Paryavaran Vahini Yojana

*534. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Paryavaran Vahini Yojana has been launched in Uttar Pradesh and other States for participation of youths and rural people in the environment related programmes; and

(b) if so, the percentage of success achieved in implementing the scheme in each State?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) The Paryavaran Vahini Yojana was started in U.P. and other States in 1992-93. The objectives of the scheme are to create environmental awareness with the active participation of people and encourage feedback regarding afforestation, wildlife and environmental matters. There were some initial problems, but the scheme is, on the whole, functioning reasonably. It may not be practicable to compute the achievements in terms of percentages.

[Translation]

Central Mining Research Institute

*535. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievements made by the Central Mining Research Institute during last 3 years;

(b) the annual budget of the Institute;

(c) the details of sources for mobilising funds and the quantum of amount mobilised from the internal resources annually; and

(d) the future plans of this Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) :

(a) Scientific & Technical inputs by Central Mining Research Institute (CMRI) have helped the Indian Coal Industry to recover additional coal worth more than Rs. 300 crore during last 3 years and to realise productivity improvements in adopted open cast and underground mines of Rs. 50 lakh per year per mine. Some of the note worthy achievements of CMRI are:

(i) New effective mining geometry;

(ii) Wide stall Mining Technique;

(iii) Thick Seam Mining with under pinning;

(iv) Cable Bolting for Thick Seam Mining;

(v) Optimisation of extraction of coal below surface features;

(vi) Reclamation of cola mine waste dumps;

(vii) Underground Barrier design by numerical modelling; and

(viii) Utilisation of underground space for storage.

(b) The annual budget of the institute for the year 1996-97 was Rs. 793.9 lakh.

(c) The funds mobilised from the external sources by the institute during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 were Rs. 553 lakh, Rs. 431 lakh, and Rs. 543 lakh respectively, essentially through sponsored, consultancy, grant-in-aid projects, service to industry, royalty and S&T services. This fund was received from various sources such as government departments and public and private sector companies.

(d) Some of the programmes that the institute plans to take up are:

(i) Improved mining technologies for continguous seam conditions, seam thicker than 6 m and semi-steep and steeply dipping seams;

(ii) Mine fire models to facilitate comprehensive studies on various aspects of fires in mines under simulated underground conditions;